

**Total War** is one in which a nation uses all its people, resources, and weapons. In such wars, civilians as well as military people take part in the war effort. For example, World Wars I and II were total wars in which entire populations took part. Civilians worked on such activities as civil defense and weapons manufacture, and many civilians were killed by bombs.

**Limited War** is one in which the warring nations limit the weapons they use, the targets they attack, or the areas involved. Since the invention of the atomic bomb, *limited war* has come to mean a war in which neither side uses atomic weapons. The Korean War (1950-1953) was a limited war in this sense. Only North and South Korea fought a total war. Neither Russia nor the United States used their nuclear weapons.

After World War II, several international disputes grew into wars. But fear of nuclear destruction prevented any of the wars from becoming total. These limited wars included the Vietnam War (1957-1975) and the Middle East wars of 1948, 1956, 1967, and 1973.

**Is War "Normal"?** Democratic countries take it for granted that peace is normal, and that war means some-

#### ——— WARS INVOLVING THE UNITED STATES ———

Wars	U.S. Military Deaths	U.S. War Costs
Revolutionary War	25,324*	\$101,100,000
War of 1812	2,260	\$90,000,000
Mexican War	13,283	\$71,400,000
Civil War		
Union Forces	364,511	\$3,183,000,000
Confederate Forces	164,821	\$2,000,000,000
Spanish-American War	2,446	\$283,200,000
World War I	116,516	\$18,676,000,000
World War II	405,399	\$263,259,000,000
Korean War	54,246	\$67,386,000,000
Vietnam War	56,480	\$140,824,000,000

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\*Estimate.